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FROM JOSEPH EDER, DIRECTOR, EUROPEAN BRANCH, USGAO

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW OF ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN OTHER COUNTRIES

1. WE ARE BEGINNING A REVIEW OF PROGRAMS TO HELP WORKERS AND FIRMS ADAPT TO CHANGING PATTERNS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE. THIS REVIEW IS ONE OF SEVERAL BEING DONE BY GAO UNDER SECTION 280 OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974, WHICH DIRECTS US TO REVIEW ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND TO REPORT TO CONGRESS BY 1980 ON HOW EFFECTIVELY THE PROGRAMS ARE HELPING WORKERS, FIRMS, AND COMMUNITIES. AS PART OF THIS REVIEW WE WOULD LIKE TO LEARN ABOUT THE EXPERIENCES OF OTHER COUNTRIES. IN EUROPE WE PLAN TO VISIT THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY,

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE ASSISTANCE OF YOUR STAFF IN ARRANGING MEETINGS FOR THE AUDIT TEAMS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS. WE HAVE IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING POTENTIAL CONTACTS IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND SWEDEN.

(A) GERMANY. MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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OVERALL ECONOMIC POLICY SETTING; MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS FOR TRADE AND STRUCTURAL POLICY SETTING; MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS FOR ADVANCED WARNING OF LAYOFFS AND EMPLOYMENT NEEDS; FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT INSTITUTIONS (SERVICE) FOR TRAINING, PLACEMENT AND COUNSELLING AND PAYMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS; INSTITUTE OF EMPLOYMENT RESEARCH

IN ERLANGEN AND EVALUATING EFFECTIVENESS OF MANPOWER PROGRAMS; AND EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM SPECIAL FUND (KREDITONSTALT) FÜR WIEDERAUFBAU) FOR LOANS TO INDUSTRY TO DIVERSIFY BECAUSE OF IMPORT COMPETITION.

(B) SWEDEN. MINISTRY OF LABOR FOR ADVANCED WARNING OF LAYOFFS AND EMPLOYMENT NEEDS; MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY FOR INDUSTRY LOANS; SWEDISH INVESTMENT BANK FOR INDUSTRY LOANS AND GUARANTEES; NATIONAL LABOR MARKET BOARD AND NATIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR ADMINISTRATION OF RETRAINING AND VOCATIONAL COUNSELLING; AND MINISTRY OF INTERIOR MANPOWER BOARD FOR MANPOWER PROGRAMS.

FRANCE, SWEDEN, AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. WE WILL ALSO BE DOING A LIMITED AMOUNT OF WORK AT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY HEADQUARTERS IN BRUSSELS.

2. OUR FIELDWORK WILL BE PERFORMED BY TWO TEAMS. ONE TEAM WILL BEGIN WORK ON JUNE 2 IN BONN AND THE OTHER WILL BEGIN ON JUNE 6 IN STOCKHOLM. AT THE COMPLETION OF THIS PHASE THE TWO TEAMS WILL EXTEND THEIR WORK TO PARIS AND LONDON, WHICH WILL START DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 5. SPECIFIC TIME FRAMES WILL BE PROVIDED AT A LATER DATE. WE PLAN TO SPEND ABOUT 3-1/2 WEEKS IN EACH COUNTRY. THE SPECIFIC DATES OF OUR WORK IN BRUSSELS WILL BE DECIDED LATER AND APPROPRIATE NOTIFICATION PROVIDED AT THAT TIME.

3. IN OUR REVIEW WE WILL FOCUS ON OBTAINING INFORMATION FROM EMBASSY PERSONNEL, HOST COUNTRY GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS PERSONNEL, AND OTHER KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSONS. WE ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERESTED IN SUCH MATTERS AS : (A) THE BASIC APPROACH TO ASSISTING FIRMS AND WORKERS ADJUST TO CHANGES IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE. (B) PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING SPECIFIC FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE. (C) TYPES AND AMOUNTS OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED AND THE REQUIREMENTS PLACED ON FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE. (D) EFFECTIVENESS OF ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN TERMS OF IMPACT OF AFFECTED INDUSTRIES AND THE ECONOMY OF THE COUNTRY IN GENERAL.

5. MR. JERRY DORRIS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, EUROPEAN BRANCH, WILL DIRECT THE REVIEW. HE WILL BE ASSISTED BY MR. EDWARD H. CRAMER, AUDIT MANAGER, MR. JOSEPH S. CATALANO, MR. STEPHEN P. BACKHUS, MR. CHRISTOPHER H SWENSON, AND MRS. PATRICIA K. THOMAS. AT THE OUTSET OF OUR WORK IN BONN AND STOCKHOLM MESSRS. WALTER C. HERRMANN, DETROIT REGIONAL MANAGER, AND NORMAN L. PSENSKI OF OUR DETROIT REGION HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATING OUR WORLDWIDE EFFORTS ON THIS REVIEW.

6. THE DIRECTOR, EUROPEAN BRANCH, USGAO, HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT THE FOLLOWING STAFF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE HAVE BEEN GRANTED TOP SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES ON THE BASIS OF FULL FIELD INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10450. THIS CERTIFICATION IS NOT TO BE HONORED UNLESS THE EMPLOYEES NAMED BELOW PRESENT OFFICIAL U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE CREDENTIALS. JERRY W.DORRIS, BORN NOVEMBER 21, 1938, DATE OF CLEARANCE APRIL 10, 1970. EDWARD H. CRAMER, BORN NOVEMBER 9, 1932, DATE OF CLEARANCE AUGUST 14, 1967., JOSEPH S. CATALANO, BORN MAY 21, 1946, DATE OF CLEARANCE AUGUST 1, 1974. STEPHEN P. BACKHUS, BORN OCTOBER 16, 1949, CLEARANCE DATE SEPTEMBER 6, 1974. CHRISTOPHER H. SWENSON, BORN OCTOBER 1, 1941, CLEARANCE JANUARY 23, 1975. MRS. PARICIA K. THOMAS, BORN JULY 13, 1951, CLEARANCE DATE AUGUST 12, 1976. UNCLASSIFIED

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WALTER C. HERRMANN, JR., BORN FEBRUARY 22, 1933. DATE OF CLEARANCE FEBRUARY 27, 1973. NORMAL L. PSENSKI, BORN MAY 19, 1940, DATE OF CLEARANCE APRIL 24, 1969.

6. IF YOU OR YOUR STAFF HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS THROUGH THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN FRANKFURT, EXTENSION 326.BLAKE

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